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SUBJECT: MTN -- AGRICULTURAL GROUP MEETING

REF: A) STR (WOLFF)/USEC (MYERSON) TELECON APRIL 10

B) MTN GENEVA 2167

1. PURSUANT TO THE REFERENCED TELECON WE CONTACTED HIJZEN AT THE END OF THE DAY APRIL 10 AND TOLD HIM THAT LARGELY DUE TO PREOCCUPATION OF WASHINGTON OFFICIALS WITH OTHER PRESSING MATTERS, ESPECIALLY THE CHEESE PROBLEM, IT HAD NOT YET BEEN POSSIBLE FOR THE USG TO FOCUS SUFFICIENTLY ON THE MTN AGRICULTURAL ISSUE (REF B). WE SAID WE ASSUME THAT THE COMMISSION SIDE HAD BEEN SIMILARLY PREOCCUPIED.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAD BEEN ASKED TO APPROACH THE COMMISSION REGARDING A JOINT US/EC EFFORT TO POSTPONE THE APRIL 15 AGRICULTURAL GROUP MEETING FOR ONE WEEK.

3. HIJZEN SAID HE WOULD CONSULT RABOT AND OTHER INTERESTED OFFICIALS AND GET BACK TO US AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON FRIDAY. HE SAID THAT, IF THE US WISHED TO REQUEST POST-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PONEMENT, HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT THE COMMISSION WOULD

CAUSE NO PROBLEMS. WE SAID WE WANTED NO MISUNDERSTANDING.
THE US SUGGESTION WAS FOR A JOINT REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT.
WE DID NOT ENVISAGE A UNILATERAL US REQUEST. EVERYONE IN
GENEVA KNEW THAT THE PRINCIPAL DISAGREEMENT WAS BETWEEN
THE US AND THE COMMUNITY. THEREFORE, IT WOULD SEEM
APPROPRIATE FOR THE TWO PARTIES TO SEEK ADDITIONAL TIME
TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES.

4. HIJZEN AGAIN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION CLEARLY AND
REPEATED THAT HE WOULD GET WORD BACK TO US AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.GREENWALD

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